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Association Notices.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Representative Meeting of the Association will be held in the Wesleyan Central Hall, Westminster, London, on Thursday, March 12th, 1925, at 9.30 in the forenoon, on the requisition of the Council, to consider the following motion:

That the members of the Representative Body present be authorized to attend a Conference called for Thursday, March 12th, and (if necessary) Friday, March 13th, 1925, at 10 a.m., in association with representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees, to consider a Memorandum of Evidence proposed to be submitted to the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance.

By order of the Chairman of the Representative Body,

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

February 18th, 1925.

British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Royal Commission on National Health Insurance.

The Council of the British Medical Association, at its meeting on Wednesday, February 18th, received a report of the replies of the local meetings of the profession upon the questions submitted with respect to the draft Memorandum of Evidence proposed to be given by the Association before the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance. The Council received also the draft Memorandum of Evidence as revised in accordance therewith by the joint meeting of the Royal Commission Committee and the Insurance Acts Committee. The revised Memorandum as approved by the Council will appear in the Supplement to the British Medical Journal of February 28th, and will thus reach all members of the Association. Further, copies of the Supplement in question will be forwarded direct from the Head Office to all non-members of the Association in Great Britain. The Council, as already intimated, will summon a Joint Conference of Representatives of Divisions and of Local Medical and Panel Committees to be held in London on March 12th for the purpose of considering the revised draft Memorandum of Evidence, and it is hoped that, between the issue of the document in the Supplement of February 28th and the date of the Conference, Divisions of the Association and Local Medical and Panel Committees will hold meetings for the purpose of instructing their representatives as to their views, in anticipation of the discussion which will take place at the Joint Conference on March 12th. Honorary secretaries of Divisions and Local Medical and Panel Committees should note that the Council will invite to the Conference on March 12th (*a*) all Representatives of Representative Body Constituencies holding office for 1924-25, and (*b*) all Panel Conference Representatives appointed by the Local Medical and Panel Committees for the session 1924-25, unless the Medical Secretary is notified that deputies are acting on this occasion.

Election of Council.

There are two vacancies upon the Council for the period commencing with the Annual Meeting at Bath next July among the members of Council appointed by the Oversea groups of Branches. As will be seen from the Association Notice in another page, two nominations have been received in respect of the African Group, with the result that voting papers will be issued towards the end of this month to the members of those Branches. It is a pity that no nominations have been received from the Hong-Kong and China and Malaya Group, especially in view of the opening ceremony of the new house of the Association. It now rests with the Council of the Association either to fill the vacancy itself or require nominations from members of the Branches.

The Association's Policy for Assistant School Medical Officers.

It is gratifying to see that some progressive education authorities are adopting the policy of the British Medical Association as to the qualifications of their assistant school medical officers. In order to justify the demand for a minimum commencing salary of £600 a year, the Association stipulated that such an officer should have had not less than three years' experience since qualification, and in view of that fact and of the knowledge that comparatively few assistant school medical officers rise to higher rank or much higher salary, such a commencing salary must be regarded as reasonable. The county borough of West Ham, which has distinguished itself by stipulating that "applicants must be members of their professional association," is now advertising for an assistant school medical officer, demanding the three years' experience since qualification, and stating that the D.P.H. will be considered a recommendation.

Association Notices.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATION BY BRANCHES OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Two candidates (Dr. J. BARCROFT ANDERSON, East London, South Africa, and Mr. ALFRED R. FRIEL, London, England) have been nominated to represent the African Group of Branches upon the Council of the Association for the three years 1925-28. Voting papers will therefore be posted from the Head Office on Monday, March 2nd, 1925, to every member of the Branches in the Group—namely: Border (South Africa), Cape of Good Hope (Eastern), Cape of Good Hope (Western), Egyptian, Gibraltar, Griqualand West, Kenya, Malta, Natal Coastal, Natal Inland, Nyasaland, Orange Free State and Basutoland, Pretoria, Rhodesian, Sierra Leone, Tanganyika Territory, Uganda, Witwatersrand, and Zanzibar. The voting papers must be returned so as to reach the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C.2, not later than May 16th, 1925.

There were no nominations in respect of the Hong Kong and China and Malaya Branches.

The following are the other Representatives on the Council for the Groups of Branches outside the United Kingdom:

Mr. T. P. DUNHILL, C.M.G. (*was elected for the three years 1924-27*), South Australian, Tasmanian, Victorian, and Western Australian Branches.

Dr. DAVID EWART, O.B.E. (*was elected for the three years 1923-26*), New Zealand and Fiji Branches.

Dr. F. J. GOMEZ (*was elected for the three years 1924-27*), West Indian and Canadian Group of Branches.

Lieut.-Colonel J. W. F. RAIT, I.M.S.(ret.) (*was elected for the three years 1924-27*), Indian Group of Branches.

Sir JENNER VERRALL, LL.D. (*was elected for the three years 1923-26*), New South Wales and Queensland Branches.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.—A clinical and pathological meeting of the Nuneaton and Tamworth Division will be held at Atherstone on Wednesday, February 25th.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Dumfries and Galloway Division will be held in the Royal Infirmary, Dumfries, on Thursday, February 26th, at 3.30 p.m. The business includes consideration of the report of the Scottish Departmental Committee on Puerperal Morbidity and Mortality.

KENT BRANCH: DARTFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Dartford Division will be held at the New Erith Hospital at 3 o'clock on Friday, February 27th. Mr. H. S. Souttar, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., of the London Hospital, will give an address on modern treatment of fractures, and it is hoped that all practitioners in the Dartford area will be able to attend.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The winter clinical meeting of the Edinburgh Branch will be held in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, on Friday, February 27th. All members of the profession are cordially invited. Senior medical students desirous of attending will be admitted by card, obtainable from Mr. F. E. Jardine. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Arrangements will be made for holding special clinics during the day. The clinical meeting will be held at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at 6.30 in the Caledonian Station Hotel (morning dress); dinner ticket, price 10s. 6d.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: HYDE DIVISION.—At a meeting of the Hyde Division to be held at the Hyde Town Hall on Thursday, March 12th, at 8.30 p.m., Dr. Ralphs will give his impressions of a short visit to the United States of America.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, on Tuesday, March 10th, at 9.30 p.m., when Sir H. E. Bruce-Porter will read a paper on medical practice and its pitfalls.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—The Kensington Divisional dance will be held at the Kensington Town Hall on Thursday, May 7th. All money over after expenses have been paid will be handed to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund and the Royal Medical Benevolent Guild. Further details will appear later, or can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, 20, Upper Phillimore Place, W.8.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at the St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on Wednesday, February 25th, at 8.15 p.m., for general business. At 8.30 Dr. L. R. Shore will read a paper on hilum tuberculosis, with some observations on artificial pneumothorax.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held at the Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, on Wednesday, February 25th, at 9 p.m. Agenda:—Dr. W. Lock: Report of Conference at Wembley, 1924, on Venereal Diseases.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: CONSETT DIVISION.—A social meeting of the Consett Division will be held in the Railway Hotel, Consett, on Wednesday, February 25th, at 8 p.m., when Dr. George Hall, C.M.G., consulting physician, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, will be entertained by the Division. After the supper Dr. Hall will address the meeting on the subject of epidemic encephalitis. Supper (tickets 5s. each) will be served at 8 p.m. prompt, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be present to meet Dr. Hall. To facilitate the arrangements for the supper, members intending to be present should notify the Honorary Secretary (Dr. J. Charles, Hillside House, Stanley, S.O.) not later than Monday, February 23rd.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—A meeting of the Swansea Division will be held at the General Hospital, Swansea, on Thursday, February 26th, at 8.15 p.m., when Mr. Trevor Hunter, barrister-at-law, will read a paper on the law and medicine.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: WINCHESTER DIVISION.—A meeting of the Winchester Division will be held at 4, The Square, Winchester, on Thursday, March 19th, at 3.30 p.m., when a British Medical Association Lecture will be given by Professor H. Maclean on the present position of endocrine diseases from a clinical standpoint.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Croydon General Hospital on Tuesday, February 24th, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. J. A. Ryle will give an address on recent observations on referred pain.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Guildford Division, to be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, March 5th, Sir Crisp English, K.C.M.G., will open a discussion on abdominal pain.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

EGYPTIAN BRANCH.

THE Egyptian Branch of the British Medical Association held a clinical meeting at the School of Medicine, Kasr-el-Aini, Cairo, on January 26th. Sixty-seven members and other medical men were present.

A paper was read by Dr. CAROLINE MAULE on the prevention and control of diphtheria (the Schick test). This paper had originally been read at Bordeaux at the International Health Congress last summer. A very active and interesting discussion was carried on afterwards by SHAHIN PASHA, Under Secretary of State, Public Health, Mr. MADDEN, and the medical officers interested in the epidemic work of Egypt. Later on a clinical evening was held, in which many interesting cases illustrating the diseases peculiar to Egypt were shown and discussed.

It is hoped that this will be the first of a very large number of similar successful meetings in the future.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Border Counties Branch was held at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary on December 18th, 1924, when Dr. M. BRYSON (President) was in the chair.

The meeting unanimously supported the resolution of the Branch council to make an offer to the Council of the Association of a flag for the new hall, bearing the arms of the City of Carlisle, to commemorate the Association's visit there in 1896.

A discussion on fractures, their diagnosis and treatment, was opened by Dr. G. R. LIVINGSTON, followed by Dr. R. CONNELL (who showed many most interesting skiagraphs), Mr. NORMAN MACLAREN, Drs. M. KERR, J. E. BOWSER, J. D. ROBSON, J. CROMIE, M. BRYSON, and others.

Tea was provided by the President, and afterwards Dr. LIVINGSTON gave a demonstration of splints and Hey Groves appliances.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: WARRINGTON DIVISION.

A MOST enjoyable evening was spent by the Warrington Division on February 12th, on the occasion of the annual dinner. Dr. ARTHUR ANDERSON was in the chair, and there were twenty-eight others present, among the visitors being Dr. G. C. ANDERSON (Deputy Medical Secretary), Dr. CORSAR STURROCK, Dr. S. E. CRITCHLEY, Dr. JAMES, and Dr. JEANS.

Following the usual toasts, interspersed with musical items, Dr. E. J. FOX proposed that of the British Medical Association. He pointed out the danger of its becoming the organ of the majority, and raised again the question of medical defence. Dr. G. C. ANDERSON responded in an extremely able and satisfying speech, referring in particular to the extensive ramifications of the Association, the activities in India, Malaya, and Canada (where Empire work had been done), to the necessity of the majority prevailing—at the same time illustrating that all medical classes were catered for. He gave the Division to understand that the question of medical defence was being very seriously considered by the appropriate committee of the Association in order that the Council might report to the Representative Body this year as to the advisability of the Association taking up the matter.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

A CLINICAL meeting of the North Lancashire and South Westmorland Branch was held at Calgarth Hospital, Windermere, by kind permission of Mr. Hough, on January 22nd. There were twenty-nine present, which, taking into account the scattered area of the Branch and the prevalence of influenza, was considered a very excellent attendance. A highly interesting and instructive paper, entitled "The chronic abdomen," was given by Mr. WILSON H. HEY, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Manchester). The discussion that followed showed how much the paper had been appreciated and the novel points noted. Mr. Hey briefly replied. Votes of thanks to Mr. Hey and to Mr. Hough concluded the meeting.

National Insurance.

A NATIONAL INSURANCE INQUIRY.

WE have received from the Ministry of Health various documents relating to a committee of inquiry into the professional conduct of a Salford insurance practitioner. The documents include a full report of the inquiry and the formal announcement of the Minister's decision. The case was exceptional in that the respondent practitioner (whom we prefer to write of as Dr. X) pleaded guilty to certain acts which the Court of Inquiry (duly constituted by the Medical Benefit Regulations, 1924) described in its report as "deliberately fraudulent with no justification." Dr. X's application that the inquiry should be held in private was rejected and the case was heard in public. It appeared that Dr. X had, after the charges had been notified to him, sold his practice and had sent in his resignation from the panel, but the resignation was not allowable. Moreover, his counsel decided not to call Dr. X and to withdraw from the inquiry altogether, but this was not permitted to prevent the inquiry proceeding.

To understand properly the charges which were brought against Dr. X by the Salford Local Medical and Panel Committee, it should be noted that the remuneration of the Manchester and Salford panel practitioners is on the system of "payment per attendance," each doctor being provided with a day book in which he has to enter every attendance given to insured persons. At the end of each quarter the Panel Committee, taking into account the amount of money available for distribution to the panel doctors and the total attendances given by all the panel doctors, has to decide what fee can be paid for each attendance, having regard to the various sorts of attendances, such as visits, consultations, operations, etc., and after some allowances for contingencies have been made, each doctor whose claim is passed is paid, on account, in proportion to the number of his actual attendances, any balance remaining being distributed at the end of the year. Thus it is the duty of the Panel Committee carefully to scrutinize the doctors' day sheets and to see that payment is only made for attendances actually rendered, as overpayment to any one doctor would inflict an injustice on all the others. A good deal of reliance has to be put on the honour of the doctors, but there is no reason to believe that this confidence has been abused to any appreciable extent, though the case in question appears to be an example of such abuse.

The charges brought against Dr. X were briefly as follows:

1. That he had entered on his day sheets attendances on an insured person, Mr. A, which he had not rendered. It appeared that when Dr. X was attending a child of Mr. A, the mother of the child offered to pay Dr. X's fee, but he refused to accept the fee, and obtaining the father's medical insurance card, marked the attendance on the day sheets as attendance rendered to Mr. A himself and gave prescriptions on the official form, thus imposing an improper charge on the panel fund and the drug fund.
2. That Dr. X entered on his day sheets four attendances on another insured person, Mr. B, which had never been made, for the purpose of getting payment from the Insurance Committee.
3. That Dr. X entered three attendances on an insured woman which had never been made. This charge was withdrawn as it was impossible to obtain the woman as a witness at the inquiry.
4. Dr. X was charged with signing certificates on the official form, stating that he had examined an insured person on the dates named, though he had not in fact done so. This charge was also withdrawn though it was admitted that Dr. X's assistant had signed the certificates, although neither Dr. X nor the assistant had seen the person on the dates named.
5. This was a charge that Dr. X had issued a prescription without any examination, and this was admitted to be the case.
6. That Dr. X issued a prescription to an insured person though he knew that another panel doctor was attending the person. On this charge Dr. X was acquitted.

As regards charges 1 and 2, Dr. X's counsel admitted on behalf of Dr. X that attendances which had not been made had been entered on the day sheets and payment for them claimed from the Insurance Committee, the only excuse being that Dr. X was at the time working under great difficulties owing to epidemics of measles and influenza. Though these charges were admitted, evidence was given in full detail before the inquiry committee, witnesses being duly sworn and the relevant day sheets and other documentary evidence being produced.

The inquiry committee held that these two charges were proved, and reported to the Minister of Health that Dr. X "deliberately and fraudulently caused false entries to be made on the day book sheets," and issued a prescription in the name of Mr. A, which was really intended for an uninsured child.

As a result of the inquiry, the Minister of Health has decided to remove Dr. X from the panel list for Manchester and Salford, as he is adjudged guilty of conduct prejudicial to the efficiency of the medical service of the insured; and it is further ordered that the costs of the Panel Committee, to be taxed as between party and party, shall be paid by Dr. X.

The gross irregularities outlined above were fully proved and admitted by Dr. X himself, and as the regulations stand the Panel Committee could not do otherwise than bring the case forward in the prescribed way. Had it not done so the Committee would have forfeited the confidence of the insurance doctors, who look to it for protection against fraudulent demands on the medical benefit pool. The case is of general interest, however, because it shows that the inquiry committees appointed by the Minister of Health are now being called on to give verdicts, where definite fraud is alleged, like a jury in a court of common law, and that the Minister is at liberty to publish as he thinks fit to all insurance committees and to the medical profession, through the medical press, his decision that a panel doctor has been adjudged guilty of fraud by a tribunal so constituted. Apart altogether from the merits—or rather the demerits—of the case in question, it may reasonably be contended that when charges of fraud are to be inquired into the inquiry committee should sit in private, or that the Minister of Health should avail himself of the provision of paragraph 62 of the Medical Benefit Regulations, 1924, which provides that where the alleged facts "are, or may be, the subject of investigation by any other tribunal, he (the Minister) may, if he thinks fit, direct that no further steps shall be taken under this part of the regulations pending the issue of such other investigation."

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

THE seventeenth meeting of the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance was held at the Home Office on February 12th, Lord Lawrence of Kingsgate in the chair. Mr. C. H. Waring, representing the Group of Catholic Approved Societies, gave evidence on questions of additional benefits and insurance of married women. Thereafter the examination of Mr. F. W. Daniels, chairman, and Mr. P. Rockliff, secretary, of the Joint Committee of Approved Societies, was continued and concluded. The National Insurance Beneficent Society, represented by Mr. G. W. Canter and Mr. P. Rockliff, was then heard on the question of its administration of treatment benefits.

Proof copies of the oral evidence and the relative statement submitted at the meeting of January 29th may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2, on remittance of cost (2s. 3d.) and postage.

VACANCIES.

BATH: ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL.—Honorary Anaesthetist.

BIRMINGHAM: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Medical Registrar and Resident Medical Officer. Salary £155 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

BRIGHTON: NEW SUSSEX HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Honorarium £50 per annum.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Two House-Physicians. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Resident Obstetric Officer. (4) House-Surgeon to Special Departments. (5) Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary for six months at the rate of £80 per annum, and £100 in the event of second appointment being held.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Obstetric House-Surgeon. (2) Casualty House-Surgeon. (3) Two House-Physicians. (4) Four House-Surgeons. (5) House-Surgeon to the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department. (6) House-Surgeon to the Gynaecological, Ophthalmic, and Skin Departments. (7) Dental House-Surgeon. Salary for (1) and (2) £100 per annum, for (3), (4), (5), and (6) £80 per annum, and for (7) £116 per annum.

BURY AND DISTRICT JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.—Resident Assistant to the Medical Superintendent. Salary £400 per annum, increasing to £450.

CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £130 per annum.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

HAMPSTEAD: PARISH OF ST. JOHN.—Senior and Junior Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the New End Hospital. Salary £250 and £150 per annum respectively.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Surgical Registrar. Salary £300 per annum.

KING'S LYNN: WEST NORFOLK AND KING'S LYNN HOSPITAL.—Asistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary £100 per annum.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Two Dental Surgeons. Salary £600 per annum.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Two Surgical Dressers. Honorarium 10s. 6d. per week.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.1.—Dermatologist.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Medical Officer (male). (2) Pathological Registrar. Salary at the rate of £175 and £100 per annum respectively.

MANCHESTER: CHRISTIE HOSPITAL.—Cancer Research Worker. Stipend £500 per annum.

MANCHESTER CITY.—Assistant Tuberculosis Officer. Salary £540 per annum, *plus* bonus, at present £170 19s. 9d.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY (Central Branch).—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) Assistant Medical Officer. (Ladies.) Salary £200 and £100 per annum respectively.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers. Salary at the rate of £120 and £100 per annum respectively.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: PRINCESS MARY MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £40, rising to £80 on appointment as Senior Resident Medical Officer.

NEWPORT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant School Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Schools (male). Salary £600 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Pathologist. £350 per annum and fees for private work.

PORTSMOUTH: ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.—(1) Two Assistant Resident Medical Officers. (2) Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary for (1) at the rate of £80, and for (2) £100 per annum.

ROTHERHAM COUNTY BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary £1,000, rising to £1,250.

ROYAL CHEST HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—Physician with charge of out-patients.

ROYAL MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Pendlebury.—(1) Resident Surgical Officer; salary at the rate of £80 per annum for six months, rising to £120 if appointed Resident Medical Officer. (2) Assistant Medical Officer for Out-patients' Department, Gartside Street; salary at the rate of £150 per annum for six months, rising to £200 on appointment as Medical Officer.

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street, W.1.—House-Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum.

RUGBY: HOSPITAL OF ST. CROSS.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers (males). Salary at the rate of £150 and £100 per annum respectively.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum each.

SALFORD UNION INFIRMARY.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary £275 per annum.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.—(1) Surgeon to In-patients. (2) Surgeon to Out-patients.

SHEFFIELD: JESSOP HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—Honorary General Physician.

STOCKTON AND THORNABY HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary £250 per annum.

STOKE-ON-TRENT: NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary £150 per annum.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Gower Street, W.C.1.—Obstetric Physician.

WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.—(1) Honorary Dental Surgeon. (2) Senior and Junior House-Surgeons; salary £150 and £100 per annum.

WESTMINSTER CITY.—Third Assistant Medical Officer (male) for St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham Road, S.W. Remuneration £300 per annum, rising to £350.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL, Harlesden Road, N.W.10.—Honorary Radiologist.

WEIR HOSPITAL, Grove Road, Balham, S.W.12.—Junior Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary £100 per annum.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

Section of Odontology: Mon., 8 p.m., Mr. F. N. Doubleday: Some Drugs and Solutions used in Local Anaesthesia. Experimental evidence will be shown at 7.30 p.m.

General Meeting of Fellows: Tues., 5.30 p.m., Ballot for Fellowship.

Section of Medicine: Tues., 5.30 p.m., Clinical Meeting at Westminster Hospital. Tea, 5 p.m.

Section of Comparative Medicine: Wed., 5 p.m., Dr. Nathan Raw: Immunization against Tuberculosis in Man and Animals.

Section of Epidemiology and State Medicine: Thurs., 5.30 p.m., Dr. William Robertson (M.O.H. Edinburgh): The Preventive Control of Diphtheria.

Section of Urology: Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Dr. Archer and Dr. Robb: Tolerance of the Body for Urea in Health and Disease; to be followed by a discussion in which Drs. H. Maclean, G. A. Harrison, and de Wesselow will take part. Mr. K. M. Walker: A New Diathermy Punch Operation for Prostatic Obstruction.

Section of Study of Disease in Children: Fri., 5 p.m. 4.30 p.m. Cases.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Mon., Wed., and Fri., 5 p.m., Dr. G. W. de P. Nicholson: The Nature of Tumour Formation.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Mon., 8.30 p.m., Sir G. Lenthal Cheatle, K.C.B.: The Early Stages of Pathological Hyperplasia in the Breast, with Special Reference to Cysts and their Danger.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—At 1, Wimpole Street, W.1: Wed., 5 p.m., Lecture by Professor R. Cruchet: The Relation of Paralysis Agitans to the Parkinsonian Syndrome of Epidemic Encephalitis.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—*North-Eastern Post-Graduate College* (Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.): Intensive Course in Medicine, Surgery, and the Special Departments. Second week. With the exception of Saturday, work will begin at 10.30 a.m. and continue until 5.30 p.m., and will include Demonstrations, Medical and Surgical Clinics, Operations, and opportunity for study in the Special Departments. Lectures at 4.30 p.m. *London Lock Hospital*, 91, Dean Street, W.1: Comprehensive Course, Clinical Work daily, and Lectures. *St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin*, Leicester Square, W.C.1: Demonstrations daily in the various departments. Pathological Demonstrations arranged for. Special Lectures. Tues., 5 p.m., Alopecia; Thurs., 5 p.m., Leukaemias, Cutis Mycosis Fungoides. Tickets for this particular course from the Fellowship. *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine*, Endsleigh Gardens, N.W.1: Tues. and Thurs., 2 p.m., Clinical Demonstrations.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Arthritis in Childhood.

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South Middlesex Division: St. John's Hospital, Twickenham. General Business, 8.15 p.m. Paper by Dr. L. R. Shore on Hilum Tuberculosis with Some Observations on Artificial Pneumothorax, 8.30 p.m.
Willesden Division: Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, 9 p.m.

26 Thurs. London: Insurance Acts Committee, 2 p.m.
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Swansea Division: General Hospital, Swansea. Paper by Mr. Trevor Hunter on the Law and Medicine, 8.15 p.m.

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ST. ANDREWS INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, St. Andrews.—Tues., 4 p.m., Renal Insufficiency in Relation to the Risks of Surgical Procedure. (March 3rd, Albuminuria and Pregnancy; March 10th, Albuminuria and the Specific Fevers.)

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DEATH.

JONES.—On February 10th, at 39, Hyde Park Gate, London, Evan Jones, J.P., V.D., late of Aberdare, Glamorgan, in his 88th year. Interred at St. Fagan's Church, Aberdare, Glam., on February 13th, 1925.

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